

## DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY

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IN REPLY REFER TO

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Ms. Claire Lyons CR Cushing & Co., Inc. 1215 Main Street Greenport, NY 11944

SUBJECT: YOUR FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT CASE DON-NAVY 2017-004369

Dear Ms. Lyons:

This is a final response to your March 11, 2017, Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request in which you seek Naval Engineering correspondence, machinery lists, inspection reports, and drawings related to SSBN-608 ETHAN ALLEN from 1970-1974 and SSBN-628 TECUMSEH from 1978-1979

We conducted a thorough search of this Headquarters' files, specifically those located in the Logistics, Maintenance and Industrial Operations Directorate (SEA 04), the Naval Systems Engineering Directorate (SEA 05); Puget Sound Naval Shipyard and Intermediate Maintenance Facility (PSNS&IMF) and the Program Executive Office Submarines (PEO SUBS). Knowledgeable personnel within SEA 04, SEA 05 and PSNS&IMF were unable to identify any documents responsive to your request. However, knowledgeable personnel with PEO SUBS were able to determine that none of the records have been retained for either boat. Per Department of the Navy guidance, records are destroyed when the ship is disposed of, and therefore no records could be located.

If you believe that we did not conduct an adequate search, you may file an administrative appeal. Should you decide to file an appeal, it must be received within 90 calendar days from the date of this letter and should contain a copy of your original requests, a copy of this letter, and a statement indicating why you think your appeal should be granted. Attach a copy of this letter to the appeal and mark the appeal and the envelope, "Freedom of Information Act Appeal." Mail the original to the

Department of the Navy, Office of the General Counsel, Attn: FOIA APPEALS, 1000 Navy Pentagon, Room 5A532, Washington, DC 20350-1000. Please mail a copy of the appeal to:

> Commander Naval Sea Systems Command (SEA 00A5) 1333 Isaac Hull Ave SE Washington Navy Yard, DC 20376-1021

As an alternative to filing an appeal, you may seek Alternate Dispute Resolution (ADR). You may submit your request for ADR either to DONFOIA-PA@navy.mil or you can call the Navy FOIA Service Center at 202-685-0214 or via the following address:

> Chief of Naval Operations (DNS-36) Attn: FOIA/PA Service Center C/O - Head, SECNAV/CNO FOIA/PA Program Office 2000 Navy Pentagon Washington, DC 20350-2000

If you have any questions concerning the processing of your request, please contact Ms. Ginger Dolan, at 202-781-3359.

Sincerely,

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